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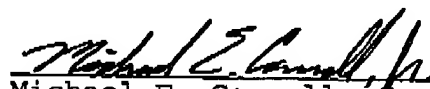
Applicants reviewed the Advisory Action and thereafter presented proposed amendments to claims 1-12 addressing the outstanding issue. The previously proposed amendments are formally submitted in this Reply. Additionally, this Reply is accompanied by a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time.

If any other fees are due in connection with this Reply, please charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 19-2167.

Allowance of all pending claims is believed to be warranted and is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned to discuss the merits of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,


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